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TO WHITE HOUSE WASHDC FLASH

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TAGS: OVIP - HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

REF: SECTO 120 AND BEIRUT'S 747

1. ON SYRIAN SIDE DURING SECRETARY'S CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, THERE WILL BE SABA KABBANI, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, INSTEAD OF ADNAM UMRAN (BEIRUT'S 747).

2. TIMING OF SECRETARY'S PROGRAM STILL NOT FIRM BUT IT LOOKS LIKE MOSQUE VISIT WILL BE BEFORE LUNCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER. ALSO POSSIBLE SECRETARY WILL SEE PRESIDENT ASAD EARLIER THAN PLANNED.

3. NO BADGES BUT INVITATIONS FOR CAR ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ISSUED AT AIRPORT.

4. INFO SECTO 120 PASSED SCOTES MORNING (8:30 LOCAL) JAN 20. REGRET TOO LATE CHANGE CAR ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN BEIRUT'S 630 BUT SCOTES WILL ARRANGE EXTRA CARS TO HANDLE UNANTICIPATED PASSENGERS.

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5. AS FAR AS SCOTES AWARE, (PARA 2, SECTO 120) SYRIANS

PARTICIPATING IN TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER REMAIN (WITH
SUBSTITUTION MENTIONED PARA 1) FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAIN,
DR. ZAKARIAH ISMAEL, HAMUD SHUFI ACD SABA KABBANI.

6. BECAUSE OF HEAVY SNOW, ROAD TO DAMASCUS CLOSED AT
PRESENT AND DOUBTFUL WE CAN SEND COURIER TODAY. HOWEVER,
WE ARE IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH DAMASCUS. IN VIEW ROAD
CONDITION, SUGGEST TRAFFIC SENT BEIRUT FOR SECRETARY BE
REPEATED LONDON. HOUGHTON

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